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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 23-CR-00269 JSW
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>UPDATED JOINT STATEMENT OF THE</b>
	)	<b>CASE</b>
v.	)	
	)	
MORTEZA AMIRI and	)	
DEVON CHRISTOPHER WENGER,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

Pursuant to the Court's Orders (Dkt. Nos. 298 & 316), the parties have met and conferred regarding the Joint Statement of the Case and submit the following updated proposed statement:

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1 This is a criminal case brought by the United States government against defendants Morteza  
 2 Amiri and Devon Wenger. Defendants Amiri and Wenger are charged with conspiring with each other  
 3 and other law enforcement officers to violate the civil rights of individuals, in or near Antioch,  
 4 California, through the use of unreasonable force. Defendants Amiri and Wenger are also charged with  
 5 individual violations of civil rights through their uses of unreasonable force. Defendant Amiri is also  
 6 charged with falsification of records. During the relevant time period, Defendants Amiri and Wenger  
 7 were police officers with the Antioch Police Department.

8 Specifically, the government alleges that, between at least 2019 and 2022, Defendants Amiri and  
 9 Wenger took part in a conspiracy with Eric Rombough and other law enforcement officers to use  
 10 unreasonable force against individuals in or near Antioch, California. The government alleges that, as  
 11 part of the conspiracy, the defendants agreed with each other to use unreasonable force; communicated  
 12 about their deployments of unreasonable force and touted them to each other; and encouraged each other  
 13 to use unreasonable force, including as punishment; among other things. The government also alleges  
 14 that Defendant Amiri used unreasonable force on A.A. on or about July 24, 2019; on D.R. on or about  
 15 August 23, 2020; and on M.Z. on or about October 8, 2020, and that Defendant Wenger used  
 16 unreasonable force on D.S. on or about October 26, 2021. The government further alleges that  
 17 Defendant Amiri obstructed justice by falsifying a police report regarding the arrest of A.A., on or about  
 18 July 24, 2019.

19 These are only allegations. Defendants Amiri and Wenger have denied the charges and pleaded  
 20 not guilty. Defendants Amiri and Wenger are presumed innocent of all charges. The United States  
 21 government must prove each charge against Defendants Amiri and Wenger beyond a reasonable doubt.

22 DATED: February 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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